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## FUNERAL SERVICES HELD FOR LOUIS RIZZOLI, DISTRICT PIONEER

LAC LA BICHE.—Funeral services for the late Mr. Louis Rizzoli who passed away Monday, Jan 22, at the General hospital, Edmonton, were held on Wednesday, Jan. 24, from St. Catherine's church, Lac la Biche.

Rev. Oullette of Venice officiated, and interment was made in the Lac la Biche cemetery. The Sisters of St. Catherine's hospital sang at High Mass. The pall bearers were the Messrs. Thomas Maccagno, Charles Lebas, William Plamondon, E. Cadeaux, Louis Richard and Joseph Mechetti.

Beautiful floral tributes were received from the family, Mr. and Mrs. W. Hamilton, Mr. and Mrs. H. Lett and Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Lett and Glen.

Spiritual offerings were received from Angeline and Guy, Marie and Paul, Marguerite and Rene, Madeline, Felix and boys, Mary Ben and family, Louise Andrew and boys, Delphine and Donald, Mr. J. Langevin, Mrs. W. Dumas.

He is survived by his loving wife, three sons, Felix, Rene and Ben all of Lac la Biche; five daughters, Mrs. G. Bessette, Edmonton, Mrs. P. Shehinski, Edmonton, Mrs. A. Walberg, Lac la Biche, Mrs. D. Lett, Lac la Biche, and Eleanor of Montreal; a brother, Severe of Montreal, and two brothers, Albert and Carlo of Italy, and 14 grandchildren.

Mrs. Rizzoli and family wish to thank their many friends for the kindness extended to them during their recent bereavement; also for spiritual and floral tributes received. They especially wish to thank the Sisters at St. Catherine's hospital for the singing at High Mass and altar boys for their kind services.

## LAC LA BICHE BECOMES A TOWN

LAC LA BICHE.—Village of Lac la Biche was granted town status last week in a special proclamation announced in the Alberta Gazatte.

A community must have a population of over 700 to become a town. Lac la Biche is considerably larger than 700 population.

Present council will carry on until the forthcoming civic elections, when a seven-man council will be elected.

## BRIERVILLE NEWS BRIEFS

Mr. and Mrs. L. Blais had to take their one of their children to the doctor the other day.

Mr. and Mrs. Herb Hellerud took one of their children in also.

Visitors of the dstrct recently were Mr. G. Mennie of Andrew, also Mr. and Mrs. L. Mennie. Mrs. Mennie stayed to visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hellerud. Lawrence went back to have medical care at the Lamont Hospital.

The snow plow is again at work on the road, with Mr. Caron at the wheel. By what I hear, the drifts are mighty tough.

## Lac la Biche Men's League Standings

| Team | Ply'd | Won | Lost | Pts. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Varze | 30 | 22 | 8 | 44 |
| Girdichuk | 30 | 20 | 10 | 40 |
| Klein | 30 | 18 | 12 | 36 |
| Michetti | 28 | 16 | 12 | 32 |
| Onufrew | 28 | 16 | 12 | 32 |
| Maccagno | 30 | 17 | 13 | 34 |
| Kimm | 28 | 15 | 13 | 30 |
| Badry | 28 | 13 | 15 | 26 |
| Weeres | 30 | 12 | 18 | 24 |
| Richard | 28 | 12 | 16 | 24 |
| Coutney | 30 | 9 | 21 | 18 |
| Salahub | 28 | 8 | 20 | 16 |

## Lac la Biche Ladies' League Standings

| | Won | Lost | Pts. |
|---|---|---|---|
| Badry | 13 | 15 | 26 |
| Dragon | 13 | 15 | 26 |
| Blais | 13 | 15 | 26 |
| Michetti | 10 | 18 | 20 |
| Proctor | 14 | 14 | 28 |
| Quast | 21 | 7 | 42 |
| Zaluzny | 10 | 18 | 20 |
| Williams | 18 | 10 | 36 |

## Buffet Supper Is Held in Hylo

HYLO — A buffet supper will be held in the Hylo School on Feb. 18, at 5 .pm. Whist and bingo will be played in the afternoon from 2 to 5 p.m., sponsored by the Catholic Ladies' Altar Society.

Mr. Mario Manca returned home from Redwater, where he was working.

Mrs. G. Michetti and Mrs. H. Michetti visited Lac la Biche over the week-end.

Mr. Fred Marchesi has left for work at Mile 137.

The Hylo Ladies' Society annual meeting was held at the home of Mrs. S. Grandish on Feb. 1. Officers elected were: President, Mrs. Elda Kechn; Vice-President, Mrs. S. Grandish; Secretary, Miss S. Marchesi. It was decided that books for school children should be added to the library.

## LAC LA BICHE SHUTS OUT ATHABASCA ACES 3-0

LAC LA BICHE—The Lac la Biche juvenile hockey club defeated Athabasca Aces on their own ice by a score of 3-0, Sunday afternoon.

The The Lac la Biche team, under the able leadership of Dave Gordichuk played a very offensive game. The goal tenders of both teams are to be congratulated for excellent net minding.

With more practice the La Biche team will be able contenders with any juvenile opposition in the area.

**LINEUPS:**

Lac la Biche: Ernie Zaharuk, Dave Gordichuk, Ed Langevin, Ken Proctor, Herald Klein, Steve Zaharuk, Leo Langevin, Dennis Richard, Joe Bouvier.

Athabasca Aces: Ernie Semaka, Jerry Calvert, Ron Lewis, Ron Garton, Herman Leigh, Cliff Stelter, Rudy Swabb, Allan Fix, Andy Ropchan, David Fowler.

**SUMMARY:**

First Period: L.L.B., Joe Bouvier (Leo Langevin).

Second Period: L.L.B., Dennis Richard (Dave Gordichuk), L.L.B., Ed Langevin. Penalties: Calvert (4), Dave Gordichuk (2).

Third Period: L.L.B., Dave Gordichuk (2), Ed Langevin (2), Athabasca, Ron Garton (2).

## St. Andrews Church Congregation Meets

LAC LA BICHE — The congregation of St. Andrew's Church met on Wednesday evening, Jan. 24, at the Church House, for their regular annual meeting. The Rector, the Rev. A. G. Howes, presided as chairman. A favorable financial report for 1950 was presented by the treasurer, Mr. H. C. McCaskill. Mr. Howes reported on work in the parish, and expressed his thanks to all who had helped make the year successful. A report from the WA was read by the President, Mrs. M. S. Cook. The following were then elected as the Church Committee for 1951: M. S. Cook, Rectors' Warden; H. C. McCaskill, People's Warden; Mr. and Mrs. H. Swift, W. J. Chester, Mrs. J. Kimm. The first committee meeting was arranged for Feb. 8 at p.m., at the Church House. After the meeting was adjourned, refreshments were served by Mrs. Howes.

## LAC LA BICHE NEWS NOTES

The Bishop of Athabasca, the Right Rev. R. J. Pierce, stopped for a few hours at Lac la Biche, Wednesday, on his way to Fort McMurray.

On Wednesday, Jan. 24, in a quiet ceremony at St. Andrew's Rectory, Miss Kathleen Ruby MacLean of New Westminster, B.C., became the bride of Mr. Orville Schulte of Killam.

On Friday, Jan. 26, many of the Lac la Biche students participated in the Grassland Amateur Hour, two entries of which were successful winners. First prize of $10.00 was awarded to a group doing the Ukrainian folk dance. These were Olga Bakay, Dorothy Hall, Loveth Bakay, David Langevin, Wilfred Waychuk and Alec Salahaub. It was decided by this group to donate the prize money to the Red Cross society. Second prize of $3.00 was awarded to Caroline Stewart for her fine work in acrobatics. A most enjoyable evening was spent by all.

On Sunday, Jan. 28, the hockey team went to Athabasca to play hockey. Lac la Biche won with a score of 3-0.

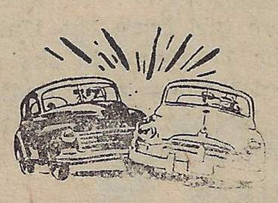
The ladies of the WI are giving a bingo in the Aurora Theatre on Friday, Feb. 9, at 8 p.m. Everyone welcome.

The WA of St. Andrew's Church report that the rummage sale held Monday, Jan. 22, at the Aurora Theatre, was very successful despite the cold weather, and that they hope to hold a similar sale shortly after Easter.

A correction of printing of last weeks' issue. Mrs. Steve Hamar and Mrs. J. Williams gave a miscellaneous shower at the home of Mrs. Hamar in honor of Mrs. E. Deisel (nee Gracie Whitford).

In hospital during the week: Mrs. Peter Diachuk, Venice; Baby Diane Mitchell, Lac la Biche; Leona Blais, Grandin; Shirley Basaraba, Lac la Biche; Mrs. Adrien Amoit, Lac la Biche; Rose-Marie Gauthier, Charron; Marjorie Mack, Lac la Biche; Elizabeth Anenchuk, Craigend; Doris Hellerud, Brierville; John Huppie, Lac la Biche; Baby Brenda Ladouceur, Lac la Biche; Baby Elizabeth Kolmatycki, Frains; Mrs. Mary Karpetz, Breynot; Mrs. Romeo Coutney, Lac la Biche.

Born: To Mr. and Mrs. Louis Rochon of Plamondon, Jan. 26, a son. To Mr. and Mrs. Percy Pruden of Beaver Lake, Feb. 1, a son.



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## McRAE NEWS BRIEFS

Edward Martin, veteran of World War I, and one of the oldest resident farmers of the McRae district, has moved to the town of Lac la Biche, where he will reside with son, Worthy, employed by the Department of Public Works.

Mr. Martin served many terms as school trustee for this district, was road foreman for several years, was always interested in the promotion of sport, and active on social committees and management. He was an ardent ball fan and despite a serious illness from which he was recuperating attended the ball games, this time from behind a screen. seated in a car. We hope he will enjoy his new acquaintances at Lac la Biche, as his old friends here remember his long service to this district.

George Bobocel returned from a quick trip to Lac la Biche with his truck, three days after he left home. He claims he did more shovelling than he expects to do in the hereafter. He was caught in Tuesday's and Wednesday's blizzard.

The mystery that has taxed our news gathering service to the limit has been solved. A team and sleigh plunged over the deepest grade fill on what is fast becoming known as "Cooper's Miracle Mile." A section of highway through the McRae district that boasts the highest unguarded grade embankments and steepest non-vision hills in Northeastern Alberta. We demanded a highway and we got it—with a vengeance.

Lyman Ha[illegible], escorting two young ladies to a dance at McRae, did not notice the new grade went straigh up the hill and guided his mettlesome span around the old curve, which is now twenty feet below the new grade. Night time, the snow, congenial company and a vicious dog all added to the optical illusion.

A rude awakening and a bloody nose for one young lady was all that happened, except Lyman's teamster pride was badly hurt. The deep snow prevented another serious accident. This is the fourth accident on this mile this year, one dead horse, one probably dead and about four hundred hollars damage to a new truck and two cars.

The Cardinal and Squirrel well digging outfit struck the jackpot at Raymond Littlechild's farm. Raymond says his well is one-third full of water and is holding its first level. This is his eighth well. Four machines dug dry holes, three hand dug. It is one "cats throw" from the doorstep and Mrs. Littlechilds is all smiles.

The Smoky Lake Municipal District have snow-plowed the road south of McRae after the heavy snow and blizzard conditions of last week.

## Visits La Biche

Mr. Dan Beniuk from Barrhead spent a few days in Lac la Biche.




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# EDITORIAL PAGE

## Price and Wage Control

This week's editorial cartoon is a picture of our national economic situation today. Because prices continue to rise, workers seek higher wages. Because of higher wages prices go up again.

This vicious circle doesn't help the wage earner or businessman because every increase gained in prices or wages becomes a myth in light of the ever-rising cost-of-living index. The farmer, farm worker, and pensioners and others who are in a fixed income are helpless and must submit to an ever-lowering standard of living.

It's ridiculous to assume that this situation can continue, unchecked.

A limited form of price and wage control, with all intended increases in prices or wages subject to approval of a wartime price and trade board, or wage board, is necessary to hold down prices until increased production catches up with the present tendency to inflation.

Unless we have a shooting war, it should be possible for the building industry, by eliminating unnecessary construction, to keep abreast of increased rental needs. Thus, rental controls could be banished, simply by providing the accomodation instead of the controls.

## Export of Gas

While the Alberta Government has wisely turned down wholesale export of natural gas until the interested companies can prove existence of ample reserves, there is one aspect of the proposal that may have been over-looked.

Why not start export of gas in a small way, by running a line east to Saskatoon and Regina? Thence the line could be extended to Winnipeg, and serve western centres such as Moose Jaw, Swift Current, Brandon, Portage la Prairie and a host of smaller points along the way?

Incidentally, with the extension of main trunk lines out from present gas fields, more smaller Alberta centres would get gas service. The consumption of gas in the other two prairie provinces would be a drop in the bucket compared to what would be required to serve the West Coast. Undoubtedly more and more proven reserves of gas will be found in Alberta, making export to any available market practical within a few years.

Royalties from gas export should be used to subsidize the building of branch lines to Alberta towns now off the beaten track. There is no reason why our own people shouldn't benefit by the use of natural gas.

## Auto Workers' Wages

Claiming that British automobiles, manufactured by workers who get an hourly wage of 65c, offer unfair competition to Canadian autos, the workers here getting $1.42 an hour, the president of a prominent Canadian auto manufacturing plant wants high duties on British car exports to Canada.

The British breadeaters, however, buy much more Canadian wheat than do the Canadian breadeaters. The farmers of the prairie provinces must cater to a market where wages are comparatively low. If we don't buy from the British where will we sell our wheat?

## Note and Comment

The Premier of France has told the Canadian Government that newsprint suplies are a vital necessity to preserve democratic freedom in the free countries of the world, and should be allocated on the same basis as strategic war materials such as steel. Here in Canada, a handful of multi-millionaires virtually control freedom of the press by controlling newsprint quotas. No new daily newspaper could start up in Calgary or Edmonton because two chain groups control 90% of the newsprint supply coming into the province.

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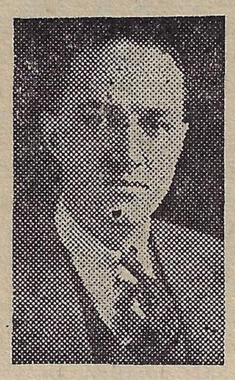
Rt. Hon. J. G. Gardiner, federal minister of agriculture says that if Canada is given the right to export hogs to the United States the latter country would demand the right to ship pork to Canada and that would mean a tumble in pork prices of $4.50 a cwt.

## I Remember Mother

By T. W. PUE

My earliest recollection of my mother was when she told me how plentiful the apple trees were in Wisconsin, and I actually cried to think there are none in Manitoba. She told me how they fed perfectly good apples to pigs, and if anyone but mother had told me, I probably wouldn't have believed it. After I left home, however, I travelled in eastern Canada and saw hundreds of apples going to rot under the trees in Prince Edward county south of Belleville. Hundreds of people lived in Toronto on relief in those days, without money to buy apples or pork, so while the apples rotted they could only starve.

Mother also told me about her girlhood days in Blue Earth, Minnesota where the fish were plentiful and the fishing good. Time has perhaps favored the story with more zest than the youthful Witthuhn girls displayed in catching fish, but they took the day's catch home in laundry baskets. Four laundry baskets for four little girls (Vanna, Arlie, Hazel and Clara) make for a lot of fish.



T. W. Pue

The family didn't stay long in Minnesota, however, because in 1905 Americans were rushing into Canada and Grandpa Witthuhn, with Grandma and the four girls, came to Arcola, Sask., with a carload of livestock and machinery. Grandpa didn't raise apples there, nor did he quite raise his family at Arcola because two of them, including mother, moved to Brandon while still young enough to be kept in school.

Mother used to tell me how hard she had to work on the farm, and walk four miles over bush road in the mountains to school. And she did work hard. But Grandmother told me how hard SHE had to work for Great-Grandma Meyer, away back in Wisconsin.

Grandfather told me of his trip from Germany with his parents as a boy of four. It took nearly three months to cross the Atlantic, and if Great-Grandmother Witthuhn had not had the foresight to pack a big box of hard biscuits they might have starved before seeing the lights of New York. He remembered using the first McCormick reaper—the one that only cut the grain, while two huskies rode the machine to bind the sheaves.

### THE MOOSE MOUNTAINS

For anyone not too familiar with the geography of southeastern Saskatchewan the existence of this small range of mountains plunked down on the flat, bald prairie comes no doubt as a surprise. Without benefit of lyricist or poet the Moose Mountains will probably never be as well-known as the "Mountains of Mourn that roll down to the sea" or the Scottish Highlands.

Canadians never are too enthusiastic about such sentiment, but the mountains are there just the same and Grandfather's homestead site is a perfect look-out point from which to see the lights of five or six prairie towns such as Arcola, Carlyle, Forget, Manor and Kisby. Almost due north of Arcola, the Witthuhn farm is a mix-up of steep hills and water-filled valleys.

### LURE OF THE CITY

Having stopped over in Brandon for two weeks as guests of the C.P.R. (due to a snowstorm which marooned their train) mother undoubtedly considered life in this city of (at that time) 15,000 people vis-a-vis homesteading and chose the city, just like thousands of farm girls and boys do today. It is there she met Dad, and together they planned the building of the family home into which she moved as a bride, and which she left only three days before her death.

And so the little German girl from the United States made her home, for 37 years, in the one house. Until I was married I never knew another home, but I rebelled at the thought of staying only in one place, and wanted only to travel.

### HOMEMAKER

My mother was a good mother, who erred more in doing too much than not enough. She was always busy, and as long as she was able, kept the home in spotless conditoin, efficiently and without complaining.

Naturally, we hate to lose mother, and in this I share the sentiment of not only my own family but also that of hundreds of friends who will read this column and who have suffered a similar loss. Mother wanted the home carried on, but a house is not really a home without a mother.

I am reminded of Tennyson's story about King Arthur receiving the famous sword Excalibur from the Lake, and how he was sorrowful when told he must some day return the sword to the same place from which he was then taking it.

He was told not to grieve over losing what he treasured, but to rejoice because during the intervening years he would have the pleasure of Excalibur's company.

If I remember mother correctly, her philosophy was akin to that of Tennyson.




Canada can't keep racing prices and wages forever. Each wage boost means higher prices, every price rise forces higher wages.

## Voice of the People

"VOX POPULI, VOX DEI"

**Sports In School**

Dear Sir.—I heard somebody talking about the lack of sportsmanship in hockey, football games and wrestling, etc. No wonder, when school students aren't taught sportsmanship, or aren't given an opportunity to take part in organized sports. We should have athletic instruction in all our schools. L. GOULD.

Mayerthorpe.

**Likes New Paper**

Dear Sir.—Your newly published North Edmonton Star is a very welcome paper. I'm enclosing a few news items for you.

MRS. J. M. McCULLOCH.

North Edmonton.

**Teen Age Hoodlums**

Dear Sir.—About these teenage gangs in Edmonton and Calgary who are staging hold-ups and car thefts. If the little jerks think they're tough, why not draft them and send them to Korea? Or, on second thought, are they trying to get police records so no self-respecting recruiting officer will want them?

EX-ARTILLERY NCO.

Sangudo.

**Wants Recipes**

Dear Sir.—For the past six months I've read your paper with interest.

I always read your editorials and enjoy them very much.

Would suggest that you start a column on recipes, that would give all of us women something in addition to look forward to each week. M. I. H.

Onoway.

**Appreciation**

Dear Sir.—I wish to express my appreciation for your Christian editorials. Too seldom do we see such forthright statements of our Christian faith in print. Many thanks.

REV. P. N. GUEBERT.

Mannville.

**New Paper**

Dear Sir.—I have seen a copy of your new paper, the Lamont Journal, and think it will make a success in this district. We sure need a good paper in our community. F. J. K.

Lamont.

**Soundly Spanked**

Dear Sir.—In answer to Mrs. E.R.M., I think you did very well to ignore that "Truman letter" incident. I get an American daily paper, and I can assure you, Mr. Truman was soundly spanked, verbally, for his impetuous act.

G. M. SAMIS.

Edmonton.

**In The Dictionary**

Dear Sir.—I have been enjoying your paper and trust I will continue to do so.

However, in regard to your editorial on 'The Board of Trade,' I'd like to loan you my dictionary so you'll get some terms straight.

'Trade' means any occupation carried on by manual labor with the exception of agriculture. 'Commerce' means business intercourse, especially exchange of merchandise, services, or produce.

I submit that the idea of your editorial is fine, but you just chose the wrong word to fall in love with.

I am proud of our own Chamber of Commerce. It is a member of the Canadian Chamber of Commerce (an affiliate body for all Chambers of Commerce and Boards of Trade), and was written up in "Canadian Business" magazine.

Has the Killam Board of Trade you refer to ever been written up in "Canadian Business?"

N. J. W. ARCHER.

Vilna.

**Frank's In Stitches**

Dear Sir.—Want to laugh? Listen to the barbers' reasons for increase in haircut and shave prices. They say it's due to the rise in operating expenses. Ha! How many times do they use the same comb, brush and razor? Oh yes, they sometimes have to change an electric light bulb! Ha, ha, ha! FRANK KRENN.


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# ALBERTA

A News Section About Alberta People,
Week Ending Feb. 10, 1951

# Inflation Poses New Threat, Says Farm Union Leader

By RAYMOND ARGYLE

"The threat of inflation is the most serious matter facing Canada today," declared Henry Young, president of the Farmers' Union of Alberta, in an interview this week.

High prices are hitting farmers and workers alike, said Mr Young.

"But the farmer's perhaps the worst off," he said, "because farm prices have remained stationery during the past year while other prices have risen rapidly."

A nationwide system of price controls is an urgent need, he said. But at the same time price adjustments must be made, he added, to bring farm prices in line with prices of other commodities.

Mr. Young was elected president of the FUA last December, at a Calgary convention marked by stormy sessions and charges of Communist infiltration.

Mr. Young, incidentally, believes the Communist element in the FUA to be a no greater threat, and of no larger size, than the Communist element of the whole country.

**Objective of the organization this year is to build up a membership of 50,000, said Mr. Young.**

But the big job confronting the FUA, he said, is to bring about adjustments between the prices of what farmers get for what they sell, and what they pay for what they buy.

The FUA has become one of the leading farm organizations in Canada since it was launched in 1949 through an amalgamation of the United Farmers of Alberta and the Alberta Farmers' Union.

### HAS HELD MANY POSTS

Mr. Young himself has long been active in farm organizations. He is the only man ever to sit on the board of directors of the FUA, UFA, and AFU.

He is a past executive member of the Alberta Association of Municipalities, a director of the Edmonton branch of the Alberta Motor Association, vice-president of the Rural Electrification Association, a councillor for the eighth year of Wetaskiwin Municipal District, chairman of a seed cleaning plant board, and a member of the Alberta Wheat Pool since 1923

Fifty-seven year-old Henry Young was born in Yorkshire, and came to Canada in 1902, settling in Millet He is still farming the same land to which he moved with his parents

"I am maintaining my home on my farm because I believe it is important to keep my interests with that of other farmers," he said.

### TURNS DOWN CITY HOME

Mr. Young turned down an $11,000 home in Edmonton, which was offered to him as a residence by the FUA. He spends his weekends on the farm and works weekdays in the FUA's Edmonton office.

He was married in 1918, and has three daughters, all married.

One of them is married to Robert Young, and lives on the farm at Millet. Another daughter is married to a farmer, and one is living in Oregon.

Mr. Young has the typical lean, yet husky build of a farmer. A crew cut adds to his solid appearance. He works at an old roll top desk in the third floor offices of the FUA in the Civic Annex building on Edmonton's 98 street.

Mr. Young is aided in his work by one secretary, whom he refers to as 'indispensible.' She is Miss Lillian Hogg, who has worked in farm organizations for seven years.

**Following his election to the highest office in the FUA, Mr. Young rode out a stormy vote of non-confidence presented by a veterans' section of the union.**

The veterans objected to Mr. Young for voting against a request for the resignation of a director accused of Communistic sympathies.

But following an appeal to the gathering by Arthur Milsop of Lamont, the non-confidence motion was voted down, and the new president successfully emerged from his first test of strength.

Henry Young today is a busy man, guiding the affairs of a powerful farm body which is bound to grow in influence in the months ahead.



HENRY YOUNG, president of the Farmers' Union of Alberta, is seen at work at his desk in the FUA office in Edmonton. Mr. Young was named to post at convention last December in Calgary. See story at left.

# Small Towns Safest In Event of Air Raids

Cities are more susceptible to air attack than are the small towns, says Air Vice Marshal G. R. Howsam, Provincial Coordinator of Civil Defence.

Air Vice Marshal Howsam says, "It will be remembered that Premier Manning told us, Alberta is unlikely to be selected for mass air attack. The premier also said enemy bombers were likely to pass over Alberta en route to the lar e industrial centres in the United States. If the enemy bombers are turned back by our fighter aircraft they would want to drop their bomb loads at once, and any handy rural target might be attacked.

If a bomber had any choice he would drop his bomb load on important targets such as industrial area where more damage would be caused, says the Provincial Coordinator. For this reason city dwellers must take special precaution, he added.

### CITY DWELLERS MORE ORGANIZED

"On the other hand, city dwellers have many more neighbors, organized individuals and civil defence units, which would rally around to give aid. Self help and mutual aid are the two important keys to survival under air attack," says Air Vice Marshal Howsam.

An explosion likely would damage the upper portion of a house. Therefore, the safest place usually is in the basement against an outside wall. If there is no basement, the lowest part of the house away from windows, is the safest place.

The Provincial Co-ordinator says municipal civil defence officials will give advice regarding furnaces, hot water pipes, and locating the shelter close to the basement stairs or some exit. A radio is not essential equipment for the shelter but it can be an aid to keep those in the shelter informed.

"Remember about windows," said Air Vice Marshal Howsam, "Cover them with heavy cardboard, plywood, or even a thick piece of blanket, in order to prevent shattered glass being blown inward."

**Lying under a heavy laundry table or work bench is a good form of protection. Have a flash-light and small emergency kit handy.**


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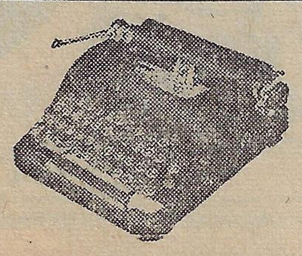
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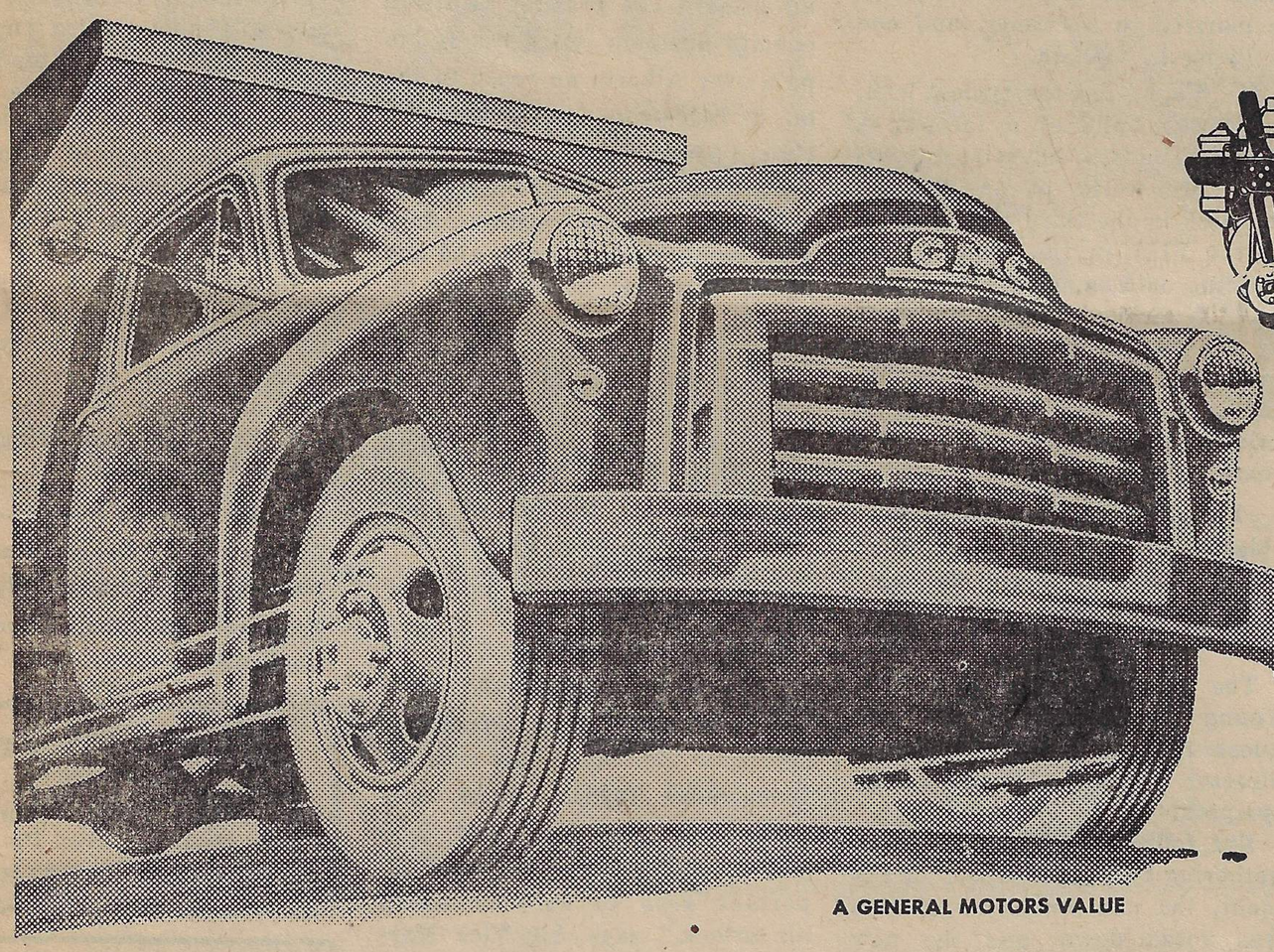
For several days the school van had been operating on its former route through Atmore. Now that the municipal snow-plow has cleared up the drifted Green Pine East road, the van operates on its usual route.

Elma Ilnicki was one of the lucky contestants who had participated in the amateur hour which was held in Grassland on Jan. 26. She, together with Olga Holdis of Grassland, won fourth prize. The girls gave us their version of a well known Ukrainian song. Congratulations, Olga and Elma.

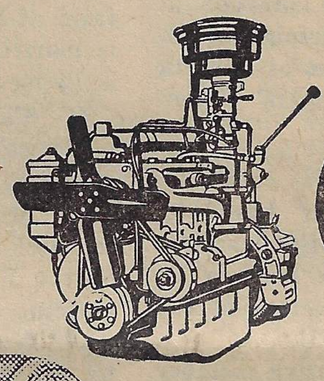
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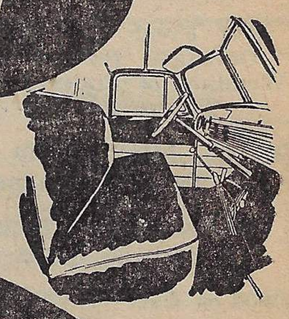


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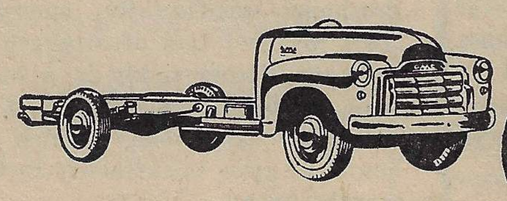
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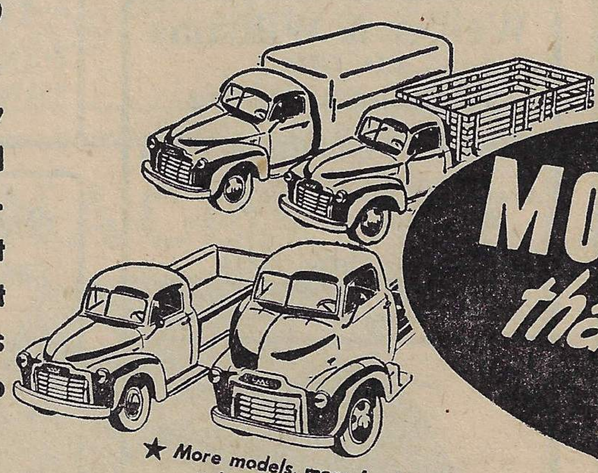
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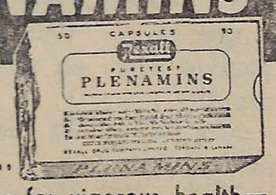
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**Odd**

Helen — Isn't it odd how many people are suffering from head colds this winter?

Dorothy — Yes, it is rather strange how those little germs can always seem to find our weakest spot.

**Safety Sure**

Wifey — Darling, I always hit my fingers when I go to drive a nail. Isn't there any way I can prevent this?

Darling — Yes. You should hold the hammer in both hands, dearest.

**Should Have Been More Careful**

First Cannibal: The chief has hay fever.

Second cannibal: Serves him right. I told him not to eat that grass widow.

**Fine Distinction**

Mrs. A — "Was your husband pickled when he came home last night?"

Mrs. B — "No, just plain stewed."

**Of One Mind**

Dad — "When I was young I thought nothing of getting up at 5 o'clock in the morning."

Son — "I don't think so much of it myself."

**Frank About It**

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**En Route**

Minister — Don't you ever attend a place of worship?

Youth — Yes, sir, and I'm on my way to her house now.

**LETTER TO LOUISA**

# Young Wife Should Leave Her Unfaithful Husband

Dear Louisa—I have a husband who has never been faithful to me.

At the present time, he is going with a girl who works in the office with him.

If she were the only one, I would try to wait and see if he would get over his infatuation for her but I know if he does, it will only be a matter of time before he is running around with someone else.

I love my husband but he keeps me so upset with his behavior that I am thinking of leaving him. I have a good job so I don't have to worry about money. What would you do?

HEARTSICK.

**Answer:**

What are you waiting for? A man like that will never change and the quicker you get rid of a philanderer such as he is, the better off you will be.

Such men have no moral standards to live up to and they live their cheap lives to the end, giving up the happiness that comes with loyalty, devotion and faith for fleeting pleasures that leave nothing but wreckage for everyone concerned, in their path.

Some women put up with such men because they have no alternative. They have small children who have to be fed and cared for. But you are independent and it certainly will be stupid of you not to turn this man out and be done with him. LOUISA.

Dear Louisa—A new girl has moved to our town and our set likes her all right if she just wouldn't brag so. The funny part about it is that she has very little to brag about.

I thought if she saw this in the paper, it might make her realize that people would like her better if she did not brag about what she has. SCHOOLGIRL.

**Answer:**

Your little friend is probably suffering from a feeling of inferiority. Very often people brag about what they have in an effort to impress people, because they feel that they have so little to be proud of.

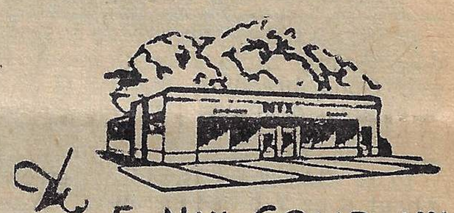
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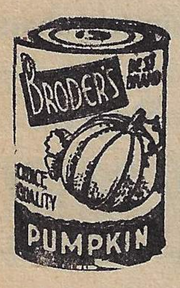
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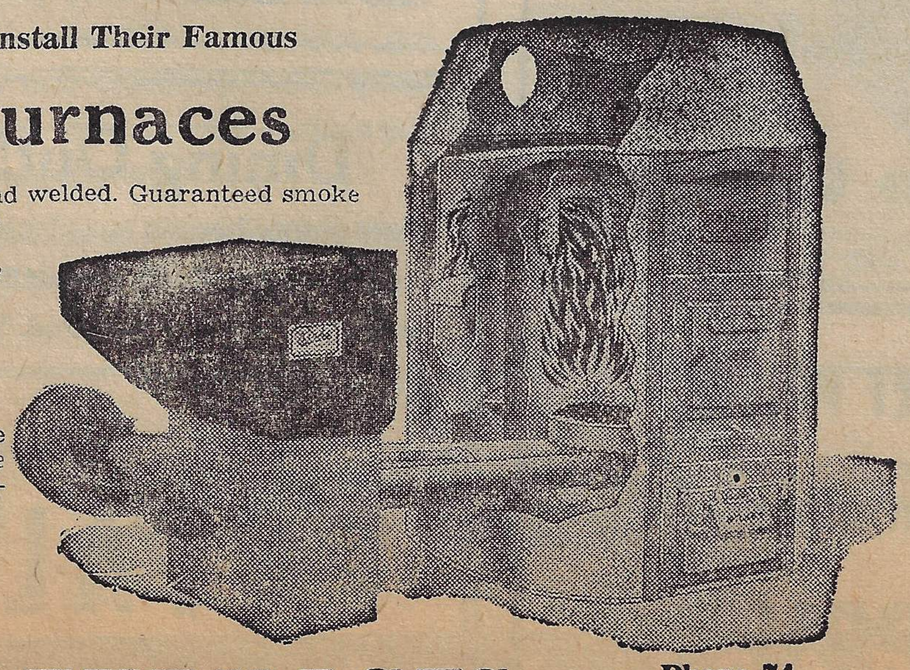
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# Journal's Owners Establish Newspaper Monopoly Here By Buying Out The Bulletin

**Why did the Journal buy the Bulletin? Everybody in Edmonton is asking this question.**

Through a deal which placed the Bulletin in their lap, the powerful Southam family, owners of seven Canadian dailies, including the Journal, have established a monopoly in Edmonton's daily publishing field.

The circumstances under which the Southam family assumed control of the Bulletin represent one of the most unusual deals in newspaper history.

Prompted by an urge for more power, and probably by a newsprint shortage in their own papers, the Southams have been looking for new fields to conquer.

The owners of the Bulletin gave the Southams just that opportunity when they decided to pull out of Edmonton's newspaper field, and sink their money into other investments.

**WERE PAID $650,000**

Max Bell and H. R. Milner, controlling figures in the Essex Co., owners of the Bulletin and Bulletin Printers Ltd., received $650,000 from the Southams to close up the Bulletin.

They were left with the Bulletin Printers. Incidentally, the sum they got for the Bulletin is the same as they paid Charles Campbell, ex-Bulletin publisher, for both the newspaper and the commercial printing plant.

**But this was no orthodox sell-out. The paper wasn't to be amalgamated by the Journal and to be called the Journal-Bulletin.**

Instead the Southams and the Essex Co. agreed that the Bulletin would be closed up and that the Journal would take over the paper's plant and equipment.

They also agreed that neither would reveal the deal for what it was.

In the words of Southam president Philip Fisher, (as quoted in Time magazine), "They've gone out of business; we'll pick up the pieces."

Yet according to ex-publisher Hal Straight, who rebelled against the manner in which the deal was handled, the Journal had bought the Bulletin out from under him "before I knew about it."

**REPUTATION SHATTERED**

The intrigue and secrecy which surrounded the deal has shattered the Southam's reputation in Edmonton.

Two days after the Bulletin ceased publication, the Journal stated in an editorial that neither the Journal nor the Southams had bought the Bulletin.

**Time and events have proven this to be false.**

Why was the deal handled in this manner? Why didn't the Journal openly admit the purchase of the Bulletin? Why didn't the Journal take the people of Edmonton — its readers — into its confidence?

The deal wasn't handled openly because the Southams feared the damaging publicity that might result if they admitted purchasing the paper.

It wasn't handled openly because the Southams didn't want to have to continue operating the Bulletin. They wanted just one daily in Edmonton—the Journal.

It wasn't handled openly because the Southams sorely needed the newsprint and hard-to-get equipment used in the operation of the Bulletin—they needed it for their other papers.

It wasn't handled openly because the Southams oppose organized labor, and they didn't want to negotiate with a union.

Instead, a deal was arranged whereby the Southams would pay the Essex Co. $650,000 to fold up the Bulletin, and then allow them to take over the paper's physical assets.

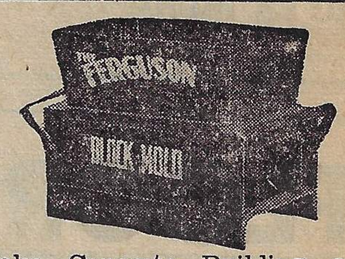
**One fact emerges from the cloud of doubt and suspicion cast over the deal.**

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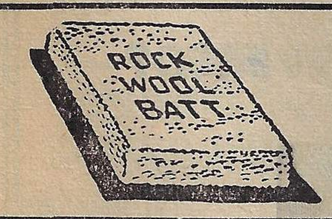
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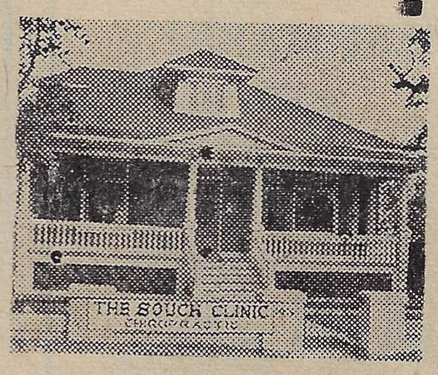
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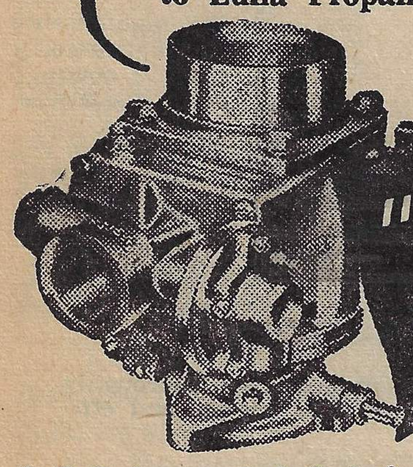
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The Pakan-Smoky Lake highway has as usual during winter months received very little attention (no fault of our Councillor M. Boshko). It appears that the snow plows are only in working order during the summer months. During the winter they are undergoing repairs or are working at some point 70 miles from nowhere. It is to the advantage of Smoky Lake to keep this highway open at all times. How about it Board of Trade?

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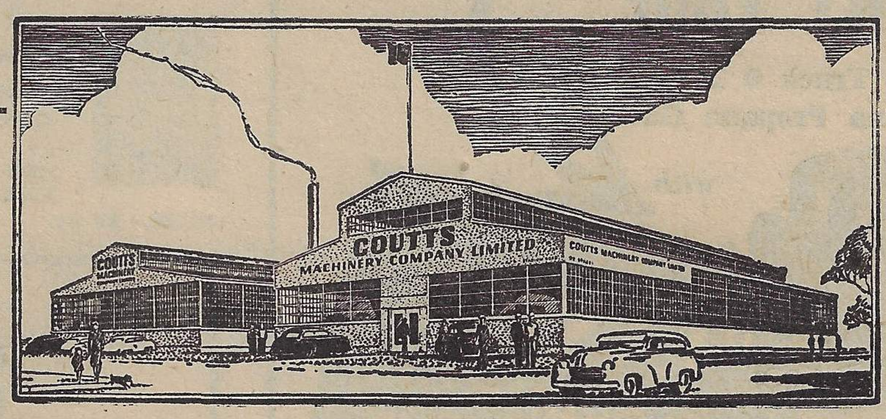


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